

***Amendments to the Specification***

Please replace the paragraph inserted before the "Description" paragraph by the Examiner's Amendment dated January 3, 2006, with the following paragraph:

**Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a 371 of ~~PCT/IB9701627~~ PCT/IB97/01627 filed 10/24/1997, which claims the benefit under 35 USC 119(e) of earlier filed provisional applications: ~~60029324~~ 60/029,324, filed ~~10/25/1996~~ 10/25/1996, ~~60030186~~ 60/030,186, filed 11/05/1996, and ~~60030088~~ 60/030,088, filed 11/05/1996, and which claims the benefit of U.S. Appl. No. 08/897,098, filed 07/18/1997.

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, line 18, with the following paragraph:

FIG. 2 (SEQ ID NO:1) is the amino acid sequence of murine mortalín.

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, line 19, with the following paragraph:

FIG. 3 (SEQ ID NO:2) is the amino acid sequence of human mortalín.

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, line 20, with the following paragraph:

FIG. 4 (SEQ ID NO:3) is the amino acid sequence of rat galectín.

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, line 21, with the following paragraph:

FIG. 5 (SEQ ID NO:4) is the amino acid sequence of human galectín.